



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Koji ITO et al.

Group Art Unit: 2861

Application No.: 09/758,144

Examiner: H. C. Pham

Filed: January 12, 2001

Docket No.: 108072

For: LASER BEAM SCANNER FORMING A SCANNING LINE ALONG A MAIN
SCANNING DIRECTION (AS AMENDED)

APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants wish to express their appreciation to Examiner Pham to the courtesies extended Applicants' representative at the December 3, 2004 interview. The points discussed are summarized below.

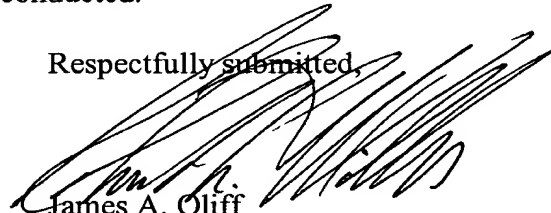
Applicants' representative pointed out that the title had been amended in response to the objection and that claims 5 and 7 had been amended responsive to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph in the Amendment filed November 29. The Examiner indicated that he had not seen the Amendment, thus Applicants' representative provided a copy for the Examiner to review.

The remainder of the discussion focused on the claims and, in particular, the independent claims. Applicants' representative pointed out that claims 1, 11 and 13 had been amended to include allowable features, and thus, were now in condition for allowance. It was also pointed out that claims 15-31 had been added. Each of the independent claims was

reviewed and the patentable features were discussed. Incorporated in the discussion was the point that neither of the applied references showed third and fourth converging units being the same component.

After the discussion, the Examiner indicated the claims were allowable over the prior art of record, but that an update search would be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,



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